

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
CAPLUS (STN), MEDLINE (STN), REGISTRY (STN), JOIS

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	JP 1-228928 A (Tsumura & Co.), 12 September, 1989 (12.09.89), Particularly, Claim 7; example 9 (Family: none)	1-5
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**<Subject of search>**

Although the statement in the description is examined, it appears unclear to what extent of structures are included in the term "a plant lignan precursor", which makes the scopes of the compound and drug according to the present invention unclear.

In this international search report, therefore, prior art documents were examined based on the compounds specifically presented in the description.